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NEW MANAGER JOINS STAFF RUBBERCRAFT

James W. Stull Heads New Department In Local Manufactory

Mr. Charles N. Merralls, president of the Rubbercraft Corporation of California, Ltd., announces the appointment of Mr. James W. Stull as chemist and manager of production of the Rubbercraft Corporation.

Mr. Merralls announces that it



JAMES W. STULL

has long been his desire to establish a chemistry and research department in their organization and he has been looking over the field for some time to secure the services of a man thoroughly familiar with the manufacture of rubber goods.

Mr. Stull comes to Rubbercraft Corporation by reason of his background, of many years' experience, several years of which were spent in charge of general development and production for two of the major rubber companies. He is conceded to be an expert chemist as well as a specialist in various compounds of high quality rubber materials. A number of new specialties in the sponge rubber line will be produced in the near future by Rubbercraft Corporation under the direction of Mr. Stull. He is a graduate in chemistry of Columbia University and has moved his family to Torrance where they will be a welcome addition to our growing community. Mr. Stull will appoint a new factory superintendent in the near future to allow him a greater opportunity for expanding and developing the general sales of Rubbercraft Corporation.

Mr. Stull is a Shriner and has been an active member of service organizations wherever he has resided in the past, and he doubtless will take an active part in the social, industrial and political welfare of this community.

Redondo Beach to Call Election For Freeholders

Petitions are being circulated in Redondo Beach to call an election for freeholders to draw up a new city charter. The Taxpayers League, which is backing the move, reports a ready response, and it is expected that the election will be called shortly.

Leaders in the league say that the undertaking is a friendly move to relieve the city council of its responsibility and place it on the shoulders of the people through the initiative device. They believe that Redondo has outgrown the narrow limits of a sixth-class village and wish to have it organized on a broader foundation.

The city of Glendale, which is one of the largest in the county and a progressive community, is also seeking to amend its present city charter, and according to reports, will remodel it along lines following very closely the propositions contained in the city charter which was drawn up by Torrance freeholders.

Walter Zuver Is New President Alumni Society

Old Grads Have Enjoyable Day at Annual Homecoming and Reunion

The annual homecoming day celebration at Torrance high was an enjoyable affair when a large group of old grads gathered at the school Monday. The morning was spent visiting classes and renewing acquaintances followed by a pep rally and entertainment in the auditorium at 1:15. Many clever sketches featured the impromptu program which was thoroughly enjoyed.

At 2:00 o'clock the annual Alumni-Varsity baseball game was played ending with a score of 22-8 in favor of the alumni group. A 5:30 banquet and business meeting was attended by 85 members and their friends. At this meeting interesting talks were made by the members and a splendid talk by Principal Herbert S. Wood was enjoyed. Officers elected for the ensuing year were Walter Zuver, president; Joe Lupo, vice president; Hazel Clark, secretary, and Fred Myers, treasurer.

Retiring officers were Leonard Babcock, president; Kathleen Wheaton, vice president; Katherine Burmaster, secretary, and Earl Tavan, treasurer. Olympic colors were carried out in the table decorations and a profusion of variegated gladiolus, fern and potted palms were used throughout the banquet room. At the termination of the business meeting the group retired to the gymnasium where an evening of dancing was enjoyed with Tom Ullrich's orchestra furnishing their usual fine music.

Dick Smith Is Installed Head of Rotary Club

Past President Wood Officially Demoted at Festive Affair Wednesday

Torrance Rotarians and their wives turned out 100 per cent last evening to witness the formal installation of their new president, R. R. Smith, and the accompanying demotion of the retiring president, Herbert S. Wood. The festivities began with a delightful dinner served by the ladies of the Methodist church. Following the dinner, Dr. J. S. Lancaster paid tribute to the services of Retiring President Herbert S. Wood and presented him with a wrist watch, a token of the club's esteem and appreciation. Then the fun began.

Donald Findley, who has won a reputation covering many years as the club's official "demoter," delivered a masterful and most humorous talk, which was climaxed by relegating Past-President Wood to the dunce's chair and crowned him with the "fool's" cap. After the demotion ceremony, Findley formally installed R. R. Smith as the new president.

President Smith began his reign by assessing fines on practically every member. The money is used to carry on the boys' work sponsored by the club. Dancing and card playing completed the enjoyable evening.

Kiwanis Clubs to Play Ball For Charity

The Torrance Kiwanis Club has scheduled a game of night baseball with the Huntington Park Kiwanis Club for Monday evening, June 20, on the local field.

The Huntington Park club will come to Torrance in a group and after eating at Earl's Cafe, will cross bats with the locals.

The local battery will consist of Dr. R. F. Bishop, pitcher deluxe, and Jim Steger, catcher. The game starts promptly at 7 o'clock and a small charge of ten cents will be made which will go to the Torrance Relief Society.

PLAN MUSICAL ORGANIZATION OF TINY TOTS

Baby Orchestra to Be Sponsored As Community Project In Torrance

A baby orchestra for Torrance. If the plans of the promoters of this unique enterprise are successful, a very few weeks will see the juvenile talent of this city organized into a musical group which will take its place on a par with other groups of Southland cities such as Hollywood which has for several years been the home of a notable group of baby musicians.

At a meeting held last week, Mrs. Ruby Mae Antis, 1112 Beech street, pianist, teacher of piano and violin, and successful organizer of children's orchestras, was selected to train and manage the group. Mrs. Antis has had many years of experience in this field. During her residence in Kansas City, Missouri, some years ago, she was the leader of a baby orchestra which included some 50 members. In Torrance, perhaps there may not be so many, but there is enough talent among the infant musicians to turn out a group of 15 or more. With this as a starting point, it is expected that the orchestra will be largely increased as time progresses.

A meeting to perfect the organization will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Guild hall of the Central Evangelical church where all mothers who are interested in enrolling their children may attend and learn more of the project. The orchestra will be composed principally of violins and cellos, as the wind instruments are larger stringed instruments are considered too strenuous for performers of such tender years.

While the meeting is to be held in the Evangelical Guild hall and it is likely that the hall will continue to be used as a place of rehearsal, the proposed orchestra is in no sense a project of this organization alone but will be a community affair, in which all talented children of the required ages will be eligible to take part.

Approve Plans For Flood Dam at San Gabriel

Largest Control Project Will Require Nearly Six Years to Complete

Plans and specifications for Los Angeles county's largest flood control project, the \$10,000,000 San Gabriel Dam No. 1, have been approved by the board of supervisors. The project, E. C. Eaton, chief county flood control engineer, states, is comparable to the Boulder dam, as it will require five and one-half years to build. It is the biggest dam planned, next to the Boulder dam.

It will be 10 times larger than Paocima dam, impounding 75,000 acre feet of water, while Paocima dam, which is the highest of its type in the world, impounds but 7500 acre feet. This dam is located several miles north of San Fernando city, in Paocima canyon, San Gabriel No. 1 will impound 50 per cent more flood waters than all 13 dams of the present flood control system combined.

Dam No. 1 will be 280 feet in height, of the rock fill type, with a concrete face. Granite boulders, mined in the canyon quarry sites and weighing as high as 10 tons each, will be used in construction. A feature of the project is a 30-foot outlet tunnel that will be bored 2000 feet through solid rock at one side of the canyon wall. Four such tunnels 50 feet in diameter are under way now at the Boulder canyon dam.

Guests of Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Neelands at their cabin at Big Bear last week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Russel Hillon and Mr. and Mrs. Dee Caruthers of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. William Gray of Gardena.

Hoover, Curtis Renominated

CHICAGO, June 16.—The Republican National Convention today re-nominated President Herbert Hoover and Vice President Charles Curtis. Hanford McNider, past national commander of the American Legion, offered the only serious competition for the nomination. Curtis received 633 1/2 votes to McNider's 173 1/2. Following the first ballots, the convention made the renominations of both Hoover and Curtis unanimous.

"Guess What It Is!"



Father's Day, Sunday, June 19

Lomita Community Church Entertains Presbytery

LOMITA.—Delegates to the number of nearly 300, in attendance upon the June meeting of the Los Angeles Presbytery, assembled at the Community Presbyterian church in Lomita, Tuesday, June 14, transacted the accumulated business of the organization and gave their attention to a number of the major problems confronting the nation.

Following report of Rev. Graham Hunter, chairman of the social service committee, a resolution protesting the repeal or modification of the eighteenth amendment was adopted. The resolution declared in effect, that the abolition of the eighteenth amendment "would in no sense prove a shortcut to the elimination of poverty and crime," and that "this body objects to efforts to distract the thought of the country from needed economic reforms by making the constitution a football of politics."

Protests against the proposed establishment of a race track at Artesia, were voiced, and a plan was made for united effort in behalf of the needy of Southern California. Following an address by Dr. J. A. Eby, the assembly voted to support the \$12,000,000 bond issue which has been proposed as a relief measure for unemployment in Los Angeles county.

The delegates also decided to give study and consideration to a bill which would authorize the state to supervise expenditures of federal funds appropriated for California Indians. Funds amounting to about \$500 for the unemployed ministers were donated following an address on the subject by Rev. H. T. Babcock.

Two ministers, Dr. W. E. Roberts of the West Adams Presbyterian church, and Rev. E. P. Cochran of the Highland Park church, requested that the assembly approve a reduction in the salaries of these pastors, Dr. Roberts from \$5500 to \$4000, and Rev. Cochran from \$6000 to \$4800 annually, which reduction was approved.

An attempt by Rev. Louis Tinning to have the Presbytery reconsider its action of last April in refusing to install Rev. Milo Jamison as pastor of the University Presbyterian church, was not successful.

The presbytery approved the installation of Dr. H. S. Templeton as pastor of the Second Presbyterian church; Rev. H. G. Shaw, an elder at the Chinese Presbyterian church at Pomona. Licenses to preach were granted Rev. J. Fung, an elder at the Chinese Presbyterian church, and to George Hall, of Highland Park.

Dr. Duncan G. MacLennan of the South Pasadena Presbyterian church, vice-moderator, was elected moderator for six months, succeeding Dr. Josiah Sibley. The next meeting of the Presbytery will be held September 10 at the Garvalla church.

At noon, the ladies of the Community church served lunch to nearly 200 of the delegates and visitors.

THRIFT PARADE HELD TUESDAY IS IMPRESSIVE

Pupils of Elementary Schools In Demonstration of Value of Saving

A thrift parade, given by pupils of the Torrance elementary schools on the high school athletic field Tuesday afternoon, was an interesting spectacle, both from the standpoint of finance and because of the unique costumes which were worn by the paraders. Raymond Leake and Phyllis Jeanne Schultz were awarded the honors as the most strikingly garbed and each received a tennis racket, the first prize. Red, white, and blue ribbons were given as follows:

Best thrift banner, Weston Leech, Frank Whiting, Natalie Nelson. Prettiest thrift costume, Eileen Wood, Vivian Wertalla, Kioka Tange.

Most original costume, Billy Kelsey, Yoshio Tukai, Helen Marie Erickson. Funniest thrift costume, Wallace West, Ross Nelson, Arliss Fossum.

Most original thrift banner, Edith Ann Casbaker, Marian Waunberg, Jules Andrea. Honorable mention, Norma Levy, Marjorie Bond, Pauline Austin, Ruth Keiser.

Billy Swisher, flagbearer, had been chosen for this duty because of his high standard in thrift activities during the school year. Mrs. Leona Holland, kindergarten teacher, was chairman of the program, with Mrs. Pamela Tyler, supervisor in the school savings department of the Los Angeles city school system, as guest of honor.

Judges for the event were Mrs. Herbert S. Wood, Miss Madeline Murphy and Miss Edith Robertson.

Klusman Urges Support For Home Owners

Only \$17 of \$73 Quota For Preliminary Expenses Raised

Torrance residents are being urged by Mayor Klusman to support the Los Angeles Home Owners Trust Fund, which movement has for its object the saving of the property of small home owners from foreclosure and loss. Under the plan, a \$2,000,000 fund is to be raised from which loans will be made to meet the immediate needs of property owners facing eviction.

As a necessary preliminary to putting the plan into operation, \$10,000 must be raised for operating expenses, according to Mayor Porter's committee, which is active in developing the plan. Twenty-four cities have been asked to raise \$5000 of this preliminary fund and Los Angeles is to contribute the balance. Torrance's share is \$75, of which \$17 has already been subscribed. Chamber of Commerce attaches are active raising the fund for Mayor Klusman, and all those who wish to assist in this much needed activity are urged to contribute at once, as a number of cities in the county have already raised their quota, it is reported.

Many Contractors Are Preparing Bids On Health Center

Nearly one hundred contractors are busy preparing bids on the new Torrance-Redondo health center to be erected by the county on Carson street, it was learned today in a check-up with the architectural office of the county's chief mechanical engineer.

General contractors has 35 sets of plans out, and others preparing bids are as follows: Plumbers, 17; painting, 15; electricians, 10; tile and marble, 10, and lathing and plastering, 6.

Cost of the building will be between \$20,000 and \$30,000, it is estimated.

Election Date On Bond Issue Will Be July 26

Board of Supervisors Fix the Time For Voting On Relief Measure

Torrance and other communities throughout the county will vote July 26 on whether or not \$12,000,000 in bonds should be voted to aid the needy and the hungry, it has been decided by the board of supervisors.

If voted, the first \$3,500,000 realized by sale of bonds must be turned into the budget of the county charities department. This condition was imposed upon the election by the supervisors on Wednesday, in order that the tax rate might be cut at least 10 cents on each \$100 valuation.

Officers of the \$307 election boards throughout the county will receive \$2.50 a day instead of \$5, it was decided, and rental to be allowed for polling places will be \$5 instead of the customary \$10.

At the same time the supervisors declared they would take immediate steps to repeal the present county ordinance prohibiting the expending of welfare benefits to residents owning property valued at more than \$2500.

County Counsel Everett W. Mattoon has advised the county relief bonds commission that under the law the proposed bonds could be used to aid, through employment or direct relief, only persons eligible under the three-year residence law and that none of the funds so voted would be used for materials on employment projects.

Accordingly, the commission unanimously recommended that the proposal to issue bonds shall appear on the ballot as follows:

"Shall the county of Los Angeles incur a bonded indebtedness in the sum of \$12,000,000 to provide for the care and maintenance of the indigent sick and dependent poor of the county by furnishing employment and other forms of relief?"

Lynn D. Mowat has been named secretary of the relief fund. Details of employment contemplated under the bond issue are being worked out by the commission of 14 men and women who are serving without compensation.

George Watson As Cal-Tech Graduate Given High Honors

George Gilbert Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Watson, 1915 Andree, graduated from California Institute of Technology on Friday, June 10, as a mechanical engineer with degree of Bachelor of Science.

George received honorable mention for his prowess in football, track and basketball, and a gold key for participating in executive office. His name was engraved on the Wheaton trophy, indicating highest honors, athletic prowess, moral influence and scholastic standing. He was president of Fleming House, and captain of the football team.

Colden Files His Nomination Papers

Charles J. Colden, candidate for congress from the seventeenth district, filed his nomination papers with Registrar of Voters William Kerr last Friday. Mr. Colden has adopted as his campaign slogan, "My Record Is My Guarantee." His active public life in the harbor district is the foundation of his slogan.

So far, Mr. Colden has but one opponent for the nomination at the August 30 primaries, Dr. A. C. Van Velzer of Gardena.

Japanese Pair Accused of Murder Are Held For Trial

Mrs. A. Kanda and Kogi Hatamoto, Japanese accused of the murder of Mollie Kanda, 3-year-old daughter of the woman, were held to the superior court for trial at a hearing held in Los Angeles Tuesday. The child's body was taken from a shallow grave on a ranch west of Torrance last week, when police called in by A. Kanda had made an investigation.

GRADUATES TO GET DIPLOMAS THIS EVENING

Largest Class In Several Years Will Close High School Career Tonight

Owing to the fact that the graduating class which will receive diplomas tonight at the Torrance high school commencement is the largest to be graduated in several years, the seating capacity of the auditorium will be taxed to its capacity. Each graduate has been given 12 tickets for the use of friends and relatives, which leaves only about 80 unreserved seats. Admission will be by ticket, but the doors will be open to anyone whether they have a ticket or not, after 8 o'clock.

The program will begin promptly at that hour. No out-of-town speaker has been included, but the entire program will be given by the graduates and other students.

Miss Irene Mills will present the scholarship honors. Miss Elizabeth Parks will present Epithetan rings to George Lancaster and Lawrence Stevenson.

Diplomas will be presented by L. C. Dale, member of the board of education. Those who have completed the four years' course and will be graduated tonight are Van Barteechko, Jack Christensen, Ray Christensen, Hartley Cook, Leland Elder, Stanley Gilbert, Ross Hatton, William Loftus, Charles Montague, Sydney Nickerson, Robert Nourse, Elmer Riley.

Stanley Saeh, Lawrence Stevenson, Leo Sweeney, LeRoy Thompson, Arthur Yamamoto, Pete Zimperi, Bernice Baker, Mario Batsch, Marje Edisso, Conetta Brisman, Elizabeth Burdick, Isabelle Burdick, Audrey Clark, Lola Eckels, Jean Crawford.

Viola Dawson, Grace Denny, Irene Fix, Alice Gall, Florence Gramling, Genevieve Guyan, Paul Marie-Henry, Bertha Hinman, Jean-Hudson, Olga Janssen, Dolores King, Arbelte Kirchner, Marguerite Lincoln, Melvin Lockhart, Blanche Lukes.

Florence Merriam, Mary Nady, Cleta Neville, Margery Reolfs, Tricie Rowell, Dorothy Stevenson, Virginia Walker, Ruth Wilhelm, Virginia Turner.

"Bob" Shuler to Speak Here Monday

"Bob" Shuler, who has served in the Los Angeles county jail and whose radio was silenced by the



REV. "BOB" SHULER

radio commission about six months ago, is to speak at the Torrance high school, Monday, June 20th, 1932, at 8 p. m.

Since Mr. Shuler has declared for the U. S. senate, he has spoken to tremendous crowds throughout the entire state. The matter of his radio is now in the court of the District of Columbia. He avows that he will carry the issue through the supreme court of the U. S. on a "free speech basis."

Among those who attended the Catalina excursion over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Clarkson and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Murray of Hermosa Beach.

COMING! JUNE THRIFT FESTIVAL See Next Week's Torrance Herald